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SUBJECT: JAPAN SURPRISED BY U.S. DEMARCHE ON UN BUDGET
ISSUES

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Classified By: Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Japan was "very surprised" to receive reftel demarche December 10 on UN budget issues, said MOFA UN Planning and Administrative Division Principal Deputy Director Kenichi Matsuda, who called his delegation in New York that same night to follow up. Japan's mission to the UN was also surprised to hear the United States perspective that Japan was not supporting the budget cuts, Matsuda reported. Japan has always had a "very strong position" on budget cuts, and according to Matsuda, the Japanese delegation in New York expressed their frustration that it was the United States that was not being supportive enough of Japan's proposals for budget cuts.

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